(*f*) That all candidates be examined in one set of papers in some specially selected subjects.

B. Begs to know the reply of His Highness the Maharaja to the memorial submitted by the members of the Representative Assembly in connection with the Civil Service Scheme.

Reply of Government.—The scheme of competitive examination has been definitely recognised as a method of recruitmemt and cannot be reconsidered. Some changes have been made in the rules to equalise the prospects of officers recruited by competition and by selection from the lower ranks of the service.

SUBJECT NO. 212.

Amendment of the rules regarding the discussions in the Representative Assembly.

(*a*) Mr. C. B. Gopal Rao, Kolar Municipality.

(*b*) Mr. M. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

(*c*) Mr. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) In Order No. G. 4450-89—G. M. 235-06-1, dated 18th January 1907, Government have laid down certain rules for the conduct of business at the Representative Assembly. In para 7, it is laid down that seats will be arranged in blocks, one for each district, and members will take their seats in the blocks reserved for their respective districts. It is very inconvenient to the members, as those on the back seats cannot hear the debate going on on the platform. The only advantage of the system is that members of each district may be easily identified. As there seems to be no other advantage, it is requested that the present practice may be adhered to.

In para 8, it is stated that, as a rule, not more than one member for each district will be expected to speak on a General Subject. As one speaker will not be able to voice the opinion and express the ideas of other members, a chance should be given to each member to express his individual opinion in respect of that subject. Further, this restriction will have the effect of damping the enthusiasm of the members who attend the meeting with the expectation of finding an opportunity to give out their views at the Assembly.

In para 9, it is laid down that no member shall speak twice on the same subject. It is requested that such of the members as are not able to advance all their arguments to meet the several objections that might be raised on the question, may be given another chance to speak.

(*b*) The rule that the proposer alone should speak on the subject brought forward by him and that any other member should obtain the previous permission of the Secretary, General and Revenue Department, leads in many cases to an *ex-parte* reply from Government. Permission should be given to any member to speak on a General Subject and for any district member to speak on a Local Subject of his district.

(c) It is desirable that a little modification should be made in the prescribed provisional rules for regulating the discussions at the Representative Assembly.

Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya represented that the new rules passed by the Government caused inconvenience and that a modification of the same was necessary.

The Dewan enquired if the rules were not approved by all members.

Mr. Raghavachar said that it was not convenient to appoint a particular person from each district to speak on a subject. He desired that all people who wanted to speak on any subject should do so without any prohibition and that they as well as others interested in the subject should further be allowed to approach the platform, as was the case formerly.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao said that the new rules seemed to be better as they would have the effect of avoiding a crowd near the platform.

The Dewan asked the members if what was represented by Mr. Raghavachar was agreeable to them.

Mr. Ramachar said that it did not seem right that all people should crowd near the platform. Members should stand up where they were and with the permission of the President speak in their places.

Mr. Balakrishna Rao said that no change seemed to be necessary and that the new rules might stand. The only objection against the present arrangement was that those that sat at a distance could not hear what was said near the platform. But such persons might with special permission come forward. Any person who wanted to oppose, modify or support a representation might also come forward and speak. In these circumstances no modification was necessary.

The Dewan said that the object was only to promote discussion in an orderly manner. There was absolutely no prohibition against any member speaking on any subject and as many times as might be necessary; only he should obtain the permission of the President if he wants to speak more than once. All might speak in turns but only one at a time. Such rules existed in all organized assemblies and debating societies. If the sense of the Assembly was to modify the rules as proposed by Mr. Raghavachar, it would be done.

Messrs. Ramachar, Balakrishna Rao and Srinivasa Rao opposed the proposal and Mr. Raghavachar thereupon withdrew his proposition.

. Mr. Vasudeva Rao said that if a member wished to consult another member who was seated at a distance, he was not allowed to do so and that this caused much inconvenience.

The Dewan explained that the object of the arrangement was to identify members of districts better and not to impose any restriction on the members. He asked if the members approved of people changing seats frequently to consult with one another.

Mr. Annaiya Pandit suggested that the new arrangement might be adopted in the case of Local Subjects and that as for General Subjects choice might be given to members to sit wherever they pleased.

Mr. Venkataramiah, Manjarabad Taluk suggested that a fair trial should be given to the present rules and that any modification necessary might be made later on after actual experience. All the members agreed to the above suggestion.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 213.

Revision of the rules regarding the election of members to the Representative Assembly.

Messrs. (*a*) M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

(*b*) S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Shimoga Municipality.

(*c*) M. S. Ramachar and C. B. Gopala Rao, Kolar Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) It is requested that the rules for the election of members for the Representative Assembly may be revised.

(*b*) The rules may be so altered that property qualification may be fixed only in the case of the electors and not in the case of the elected, or at least the property qualification may be reduced in the case of graduates.

(*c*) In the matter of the election of members educational qualifications must be insisted upon in addition to property qualification. (*Withdrawn.*)

Reply of Government.—(*a*) *and* (*b*) The matter has been fully considered and finally disposed of under orders passed on 10th September 1907.

SUBJECT No. 214.

Privileges to the members of the Representative Assembly.

(1) Messrs. M. S. Ramachar and C. B. Gopala Rao, Kolar Municipality.

(2), (3), (4) and (5) Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

(6) Mr. M. K. Krishnamurti Rao, Magadi Taluk.

(7) (*a*) Mr. Rangachar, T.-Narsipur Taluk.

(*b*) Mr. Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

(*c*) Mr. Rama Reddi, Bangalore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) A central committee of the Assembly may be recognised by Government for the purpose of communicating with the members and Government on matters affecting the Assembly and Government.

(2) Arrangements may be made for the Representative Members to study the State Budget. A copy of it may be placed for their inspection on the table at the hall where the meetings of the Representatives are held.

(3) A programme of work likely to be done in the current year in the different Departments of the State may be also made available to the Representative Members by placing the same on the table.

(4) References may be supplied to the Members of the Representative Assembly.